

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with [REDACTED] 27 October 1965

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1. I called [REDACTED] to determine if DIA is doing a similar job on the question of civilian casualties in North Vietnam. Ed assured me that they were not. Ed said the flap at DIA this morning concerned only the provision of photos of strikes that might have resulted in civilian casualties. This supposedly was a one-shot affair and DIA was not being asked to provide cumulative figures. He did say, however, that accompanying these photos was a statement of the CEP and whether or not the CEP included civiliza^{an} areas. The statement also attempted to estimate the casualties associated with the photos.

2. Ed also said that he understands that J-3 has a series of folders assessing targets in North Vietnam. This assessment is a pre-strike assessment and includes an estimate of probable casualties.

3. I outlined to Ed the horseback estimate that we are in the process of making. He thought this would be very helpful and hoped that at a minimum it could provide some fairly hard figure reporting a maximum of positive casualties. He thought that any kind of an expression of a range of possible casualties would also be useful.

25X1A 4. [REDACTED] is going to talk with Gen. Carroll this afternoon. He hopes that this talk will result in more specific guidance on the role that CIA should play in estimating this problem. He also hopes that Carroll will take the steps necessary to give us free and complete access to DIA and JCS files and any other cooperation we may feel necessary.

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